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# The Oscillator

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**Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club**

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## Harold Landers WAØBRU. SK

Harold Landers WAØBRU, finished this life on September 10, 2003 at the age of 57. He leaves his widow, Julie Landers KD7GQW; mother, Anna Browns; two brothers; seven children and step-children; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Services were held in Beaverton and in Iowa.



At the time of his passing, Harold was serving as president, Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club. He was active as a volunteer examiner, in ARES, QCWA, and CERT. He was a key member of the SEAPAC

committee. He founded the Silent Key Family Assistance Program, served as a coordinator for the LUNCH BUNCH, and as a repeater control operator for the W7OTV 2-meter repeater on Goat Mountain.

Harold was an Eagle Scout and had continuing interest in helping scouts find their way into amateur radio. He was a free-lance photographer commercial pilot. Harold's military service included work as a cryptographer in Germany.

Harold was licensed as an amateur radio operator for thirty-five years. Harold will be missed.

### OTVARC SPOTLIGHT:

#### Events

- Fifth Wednesday Contest October 29
- Election of Club Officers November
- Annual Christmas Dinner December 10
- Fifth Wednesday Contest December 31

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## Radio Waves

### THE PROGRAM - Wednesday, October 8th

Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 8th. Club opens at 7:00 pm at the Beaverton Elks' Club, 3500 SW 104th Ave, Beaverton (One block north of Canyon Road).

Carl Clawson WS7L, will present a program that *traces the history of*

*the discovery of radio waves.* The series of events leading to our radio hobby is quite surprising.

Come early at 6:00 pm and get a no-host meal at the Elks' Buffet. Bring a friend to OTVARC.

## ANNUAL TURKEY-HAM FEED, Geno KA7HBH

Once again, its time for our Turkey-Ham Feed at Wandering Spirit Camp near Grande Ronde. This year it will be the fourth weekend, November 20-23, 2003. The club furnishes turkey, ham, and gravy...with members preparing the rest of the food. We will have a sign-up sheet for you to tell us what you want to bring so we don't get one kind of food and not the rest. We eat at 5:30 pm (give-or-take) on Saturday, November 22nd.

The Turkey-Ham Feed is held at the November Travelers' Campout. However, non-campers and walkins are welcome and encouraged to participate. Just let us know you are planning to come so the turkey and ham are prepared in sufficient quantity.

Travelers' will need to make their reservations and pay the first night fees. You can do this through me. I haven't got this year's rate yet, but think it was \$15.00 last year (I could be wrong and will have the amount correct when you contact me).

Wandering Spirit campground has a free bus to and from the casino.

Directions to Wandering Spirit are in the sidebar.

You can contact me, Geno KA7HBH, at 503.614.0563.



### Wandering Spirit Campground

The November trip takes The Travelers' to Grande Ronde to The "Wandering Spirit" RV Park, 28800 Highway 18. Travel south on 99W to Highway 18, west past the casino to the campground.

### Club Events



- Oct. 8: Club Meeting (7 pm)
- Oct. 18: Lunch Bunch (1:30 pm)
- Oct. 25: SWAP-toberfest
- Oct. 28: Board Meeting (7 pm)
- Oct. 28: Oscillator Deadline
- Oct. 29: Fifth Wednesday (8-9 pm)
- Nov. 12: Club Meeting (7 pm)
- Nov. 22: Turkey-Ham Feed
- Nov. 25: Board Meeting (7 pm)

### HamFests

**October 25: SWAP-toberfest**  
Mid-Valley ARES  
Polk Fairgrounds, Rickreall  
[Http://home.earthlink.net/~kd7bcv/swapflyer.html](http://home.earthlink.net/~kd7bcv/swapflyer.html)  
Pre-register by Oct. 11th

### TRAVELERS'

There is no Travelers' event in October. Plan on attending the November campout at Grande Ronde.

### THANK YOU

To our friends at OTVARC:

Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated at this time of sorrow. We are so fortunate to have a circle of friends such as you.

I will be remaining active but maybe not to the degree as I have been for awhile.

Thank you so much for all your support.

-- Julie Landers  
KD7GQW



## KK7TN Paragraphs Don Stettler KK7TN

Becoming involved with our club's leadership because of the death of another is certainly not my preferred mode. Unfortunately, that is how it has happened for me.

First, it was due to Phil Teck's untimely death that I was given the opportunity to be vice president. Now, because of Harold Lander's sudden death, I've been thrust into the presidency. Despite a temptation to do otherwise, we must continue on. I am sure that is what Phil and Harold would have wanted.

I have chosen not to use the title "From the Bridge" for my column. Fact is, I am a *landlubber maximum* and not a sailor by any stretch. Despite living in Oregon's Willamette Valley, with its proximity to the Pacific Ocean, in my entire life I had never been out-to-sea until last August. I went with my sister and her husband on a charter out of Depoe Bay. It was just an hour of whale watching. Before we left the world's smallest harbor, I took the maximum dose of Dramamine. I thought that would help me keep my lunch down.

The charter located a gray whale 10 minutes out and just beyond the surf. The whale was bottom feeding and every so often

would "spout" and show its back as it rolled to surface for a breath of air. Things went well for about a half-hour, then I got into some serious fish feeding. I had the distinction of being the only one on board that got sick.

We are quickly moving to the end of a year and to a new one. The elections committee has responsibility to find members willing to run for the leadership for next year. We do this quickly and in a timely manner. Elections are in November and results are announced at the December meeting. My hope is that we will have a complete slate of candidates to introduce at the November 12<sup>th</sup> club meeting. Please say yes when a member of the elections committee asks you to be available to run for office. Elections committee members are: Maureen O'Rourke; Claire Johnson; and, John Anderson.

I ask for your help to continue the strong club leadership which we have come to expect.

73

Don Stettler  
KK7TN

## EARTHLINK BANS HAMS

At press-time, Internet Service Provider EARTHLINK has banned all mail from the ARRL Reflector. Attempts on the part of the ARRL technical staff to work with EARTHLINK have been without response from the ISP. All EARTHLINK domains appear to be affected. In addition to earthlink.net, they include teleport.com, teleport.net, and onemain.com...along with more than 130 other domain names owned by EARTHLINK.

EARTHLINK, at one time known for its customer support efforts, does not reply to email messages on this problem from customers. You can try by emailing: <http://support.earthlink.net/support/MYACCT/forms/csform.jsp>.

For the time being, use the direct email address to reach club members. When this problem is resolved...or not...we will email those who read the OTVARC Announcement email group.

## Court Kicks New York Ham's "Police Radio" Case

A New York court has dismissed a misdemeanor charge against ARRL member Richard C. "Dick" Lalone, KC5GAX, for violating §397 of that state's Vehicle and Traffic Law. That section prohibits individuals other than law officers from equipping their vehicles with radios "capable of receiving signals on the frequencies allocated for police use" without first

securing a permit. The section, which also prohibits knowingly interfering with police transmissions, contains an explicit exemption for "any person who holds a valid amateur radio operator's license . . . and who operates a duly licensed portable mobile transmitter and in connection therewith a receiver or receiving set on frequencies exclusively allocated . . . to duly licensed radio amateurs."

In a 1300-word decision, Judge John J. Hallet called §397 "probably the most poorly drafted section of the Vehicle and Traffic Law."

"While noting that the rationale behind the statute was to keep criminals from monitoring police calls, he said it was clear the legislature never intended the provisions of §397 from applying to licensed Amateur Radio operators. He dismissed the charge August 5.

### VE News

Our next sessions are Saturdays, **October 4th** and **December 6th**, 1:00 pm at Ronler Acres Fire Station in Hillsboro (across from the stadium just off Evergreen Parkway).

Volunteer exam sessions are provided by VEs members of OTVARC as a service to the community. For more information contact Carl WS7L, at ws7l@arrl.net.

### Lunch Bunch

In October, we'll gather for lunch together at La Fogata Mexican Restaurant, 3905 SW 117th in Beaverton (just off Canyon). **NOTE the special date: Saturday, October 18th** at 1:30 pm in order to avoid SWAP-TOBERFEST.

Come when you can, leave when you must. Talk in on 146.90 MHz.

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## Elections Committee At Work

The Elections Committee is at work preparing nominations for our 2004 Club Officers and Trustees. They are: Maureen O'Rourke KA7LAP; John Anderson KA7BRZ; and Claire Johnson N7CM. When they call you, be prepared to step up to serve the club on the Board. Wes Allen K7WWG; J.D. Fort K7JDF; and Mel Sutton KB7PVW are eligible to stand for election to another term as Trustees. We elect four Officers as well (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer). Current incumbents are eligible to serve again.

## TRUCK STOLEN On September 19th In Beaverton

1985 TOYOTA 4-Runner  
2 Door, 4WD

- Oregon license plate: ETY179
- License plate frame
- that's says "My Other Car is A Horse:"

- Copper paint color,
- Hood is slightly faded
- Black fiberglass shell
- Has a red sticker with a diagonal white stripe on the back window.

Please help me find my truck. If you see this vehicle any place, contact the Beaverton police department.

Thank You,

Michael Durr  
KA7PWZ  
503-641-3464



## OTVARC 5TH WEDNESDAY RADIO CONTEST - October 29, 2003

- 1) Object: To work as many amateur stations as possible in as many different 5-digit ZIP codes as possible, using 147.54 FM simplex.
- 2) Contest Period: 2000 local through 2100 local, Wednesday, October 29, 2003 (8:00 – 9:00 PM PDT).
- 3) Categories:
  - A) Single Operator: One person performs all operating and logging functions.
  - B) Single Operator QRP: Same as (A) with a power limitation of 5 watts.
  - C) Multi-operator: More than one person performing operating and logging functions.
- 4) Exchange: Operating 5-digit ZIP Code and Station Category.
- 5) Scoring:
  - A) QSO points: Count one (1) point for each complete single operator or multi-operator QSO. Count two (2) points for each complete single operator QRP contact.
  - B) Multiplier: The total number of 5-digit ZIP codes worked.
  - C) Total score: Multiply the total number of QSO points by the multiplier.
- 6) Miscellaneous:
  - A) Partial QSOs do not count. Both calls, the full exchange, and acknowledgement must be sent and received.
  - B) While no minimum distance is specified for contacts, equipment should be capable of real communications (ie. able to communicate over at least 1 km.).
  - C) Use of repeaters and telephones to coordinate contacts is not allowed.
  - D) Rovers are not allowed as entries in the contest. Mobile stations can be contacted by stations in the contest. Mobile stations will not have a ZIP code and will not count toward the multiplier count.
  - E) Only one call may be used by any station.
- 7) Reporting:
  - A) Entries must be delivered to the contest organizers at or before the November 12, 2003 OTVARC club meeting. (to: Jim Schaeffer, KB7ADH), or by mail to the Club Post Office Address.
  - B) Entries must be made on log sheets showing time of QSO, Call, Zip Code and Contest Category.
- 8) Awards:
  - A) Certificates will be awarded for the top points winner in each station category.
  - B) Awards will be made at the club meeting December 10, 2003.

### Contest Summary Sheet

Call Used \_\_\_\_\_ Operating ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Other Operators \_\_\_\_\_

Category: A - Single Op B - Single Op QRP C - Multi-operator

Scoring:	Category A QSO's _____	x 1 = _____	
	Category B QSO's _____	x 2 = _____	
	Category C QSO's _____	x 1 = _____	
	TOTAL QSO Points _____		
	Times Number of Zip Codes x _____		
	<b>TOTAL CLAIMED SCORE</b> _____		

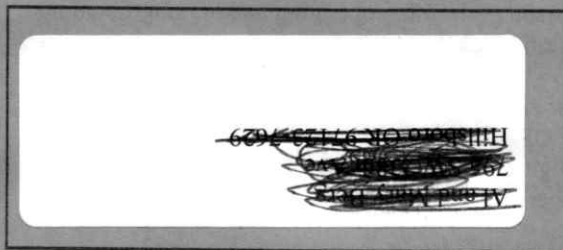
Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Attach Log Sheets detailing all contacts, including Call, ZIP Code, Category, and Time.



# CLUB MEETING SEPTEMBER 10TH



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## CLUB INFORMATION

The Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club is a special service club related to ARRL: The National Association for Amateur Radio. We advance the Amateur Radio Service through:

- ⇒ Education and Training of new and licensed amateurs
- ⇒ Public Service and Emergency communication
- ⇒ Hobby nets, contests and meetings
- ⇒ Social events

Membership is available to anyone interested in amateur radio. A license is not required.

Membership dues are \$16/year; Family member(s) of full members at same address \$21/household; Full Time students and members of two years or more at age 70 or older (Life Members) are dues free. See Club Treasurer about purchase of life membership prior to age 70. If you wish to join during the year, dues are pro-rated.

Membership applications may be found on the Club Website or on request from the Treasurer.

The OSCILLATOR is published Monthly for members. The deadline for the November issue is Tuesday, October 28th.

### Happy October Birthday

- 1: Bob Young KB7MFD
- 3: Richard Gosney W7QMD
- 6: Royal Jaynes KB7STZ
- 13: Ron Meese K7GX
- 14: Tom Bailey KA7NAM
- 16: Bud Carswell KB7NUO
- 17: Bud Butterfield KC7PS
- 22: Gus Amato KC7XB  
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Richard Welk KB7EWX
- 23: Brendan Van Horn KD7LAH
- 24: Tom Hicks N7UBT
- 25: Jerry Miller KD7PYK